AIIMS like hospitals

†2034. SHRI SURENDRALATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed to open six new institutes in the country in the lines of AIIMS hospitals;

(b) if so, the total amount allocated for this scheme; and

(c) the target date fixed by Government to complete this scheme and by when this scheme will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it has been proposed to set up six AIIMS-Iike institutions, each in the States of Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttarakhand (Rishikesh), in order to correct regional imbalance in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and also to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 2716 crore (including recurring expenditure of Rs. 708 crore) has been earmarked for setting up of six AIIMS-like institutions.

(c) Construction of housing complex at all sites is likely to be completed by December, 2009 and Hospitals and Medical Complex by December, 2010.

Health survey on health facility to rural people

2035. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any survey on the prevailing health facilities and availability of infrastructure to the rural people of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the parameters fixed for such survey and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the initiatives taken by Government to improve the primary healthcare system and medicial facilities for the people living in the rural areas of the country particularly in Punjab and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India undertakes periodic nationwide surveys for assessing the impact of the healthcare interventions and programmes. In addition, a Facility Survey in the country has been conducted by the Government in two phases (1998-99 and 2003-04), which assessed the existing situation of the healthcare facilities available in the Government healthcare establishments at different levels in India in terms of infrastructure, staff, supply and equipment in respect of 591 districts.

The Survey covered various facility parameters at the District Hospital, FRUs, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub-centres e.g.:

* Status of the infrastructure (building, staff quarters, supply of water and electricity, toilet and phone facilities, vehicle availability etc.)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.